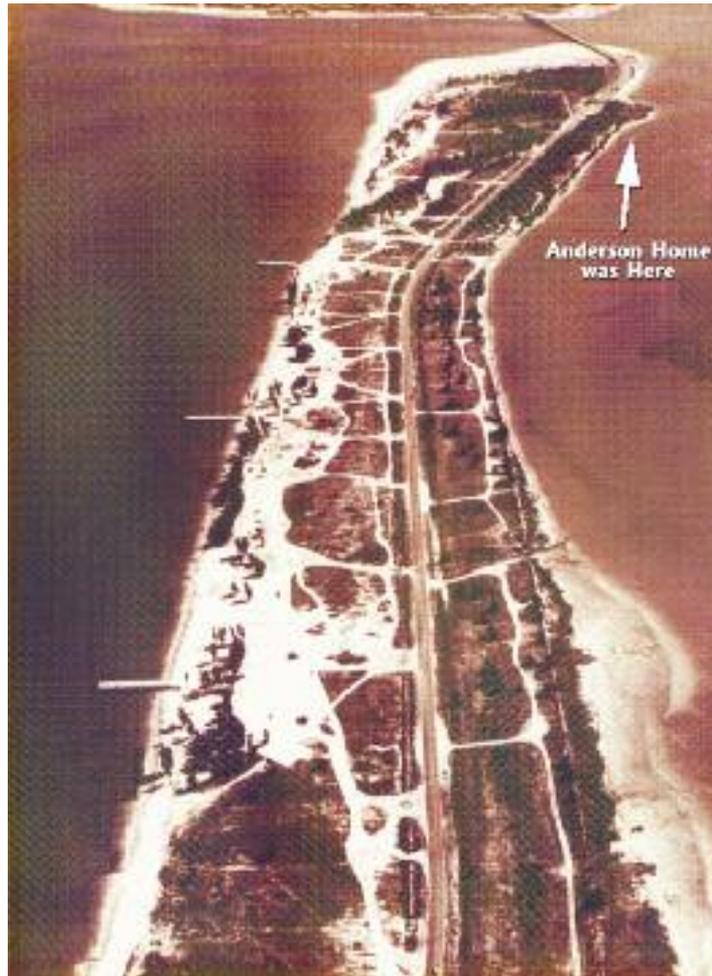




DAN'S ISLAND



As far back as 1885, the entire barrier island stretching from Clearwater Pass to John's Pass has been called Sand Key. Today, though when we refer to Sand Key we usually mean the area between Belleair Shore and Clearwater Pass. But for a short time in the early part of the 1900s, part of the island, just west of Clearwater was known as "Dan's Island." Who was Dan and did he ever live there?

"Dan Anderson was my uncle," says Delmar Harris, 87, long time resident and dentist who lives in Clearwater. "Dan Anderson married my father's sister, and homesteaded the very north end of Sand Key."

Dan Anderson was born November 2, 1875. As a young man he worked as a deckhand on ships making runs between Key West, South Port and Clearwater Harbor. He noticed the sand bar just south of Little Pass (now named Clearwater Pass.) "Little Pass was so narrow, you could throw a rock across it and hit Clearwater Beach," says Harris, "but fishing boats could still go through it."

"Dan always wanted to live on that island. Back then with homesteading you could get land cheap, if you agreed to live on it for a while," said Harris. Around 1900, at the age of 25, he married Anna Bell Harris and built a shack on the north end of the island, where the Marriott stands today. They raised five children, Bert, Albert, May, Lydia and Katherine on the island. "They were the only people living on the island north of maybe Indian Rocks Beach."

Their house was little more than a three room shack. There was a long dock leading to the water, which was used to hang the fishing nets. "He created a contraption that looked like a big windmill or paddle wheel on a boat," says Harris. "It would bring in the nets, made of cotton cord, and help to dry them. They had to be dried daily. Dan had them hanging inside and outside his shack."

Fishing was his job and it was done all year. When his boys were old enough, they helped too. Mullet would swim around the north point of the island and into the bay. He used his boats and kids to round up the schools of mullet, forcing them into his nets that were 100 yards long. They could catch about 1800 pounds of mullet per boat. The catch was taken to a fish processing house near the site of today's Memorial Causeway Bridge. Mullet sold for 5-10¢ per pound, but if they caught too much, it might drop to 2¢ a pound.

Life on the island was tough. There was no fresh drinking water. It had to be brought from springs on the mainland. The closest was a spring at the west end of Jeffords Street. There was nothing much on the island but sand, pines and palms. They shared the island with many snakes and herds of wild hogs. "Dan had two large dogs and both of them died after being bitten by rattlesnakes," says Harris. "People thought Dan raised the hogs, so if they trapped one on the mainland, they would carry it to the island and let it loose. The hogs were tough-skinned and killed any snakes they came upon."

The family lived on the island for seven years, because that was the homestead requirement. The Anderson's built a second house on the mainland on Tuscawillow Street near the City's Municipal Cemetery. They continued to keep the house on Sand Key and used it for fishing.

Dan Anderson had a heart attack on a hunting trip near Cross City and died April 18, 1928 at the age of 52. His wife, Anna Bell, died a year later, April 22, 1929. They are buried in the City's Municipal cemetery, not far from his second home. The house and homestead passed to the boys, who eventually sold it to Ed Wright in the 1960s.

While Sand Key is not called Dan's Island any more, there is a reminder of its old name nearby. Dan's Island Condominium was built on the site of the former Cabana Club.

by Bob Griffin, Publisher

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**CLEARWATER BEACH
NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER.**

This is our Ninth Clearwater Beach Neighborhood Newsletter. We started this publication in December of 2009.

You will find articles and local information about the Beach area inside. We call it a Neighborhood Newsletter because it is primarily about your neighborhood, Clearwater Beach. It is mailed to the entire zip code of 33767 including Island Estates and Sand Key.

We want your input. How did you like this issue? What suggestions do you have for future issues and articles? We hope you enjoy this newsletter. We call it a "Neighborhood Newsletter" because it is about Clearwater Beach, your neighborhood. It is mailed to about 5,000 households and includes Island Estates and Sand Key. We publish this edition six times a year.

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AUGUST:

- Little League Register for Fall Ball .
- IRB Boat Club Meeting 18
- Clearwater Jazz at Jannus Landing 18
- Public School Begins (Monday) 22
- Taste of Clearwater (Tues) 30

SEPTEMBER:

- Labor Day 5
- Morton Plant 5k Run Morton Plant 10
- Grandparents Day 11
- IRB Boat Club Meeting 15
- Columbia Restaurant Anniversary 18
- Sand Key Triathlon 18
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- A Dolphin Tale, Movie Premier 23
- Blast Friday 30
- Off Shore Power Boat Races Begin 30

OCTOBER:

- National Night Out Against Crime 2
- Off Shore Power Boat Races Ends 2

- Hispanic Heritage Coachman Park 9
- Fire Prevention Week 9-15
- Columbus Day 10
- Fire Prevention Open Houses 15
- Clearwater Jazz Holiday 13-17
- Fire Prevention Open Houses 15
- Stone Crab Season Begins 15
- Coastal Clean Up 15
- Clearwater Jazz Art N Walk 15-16
- Farmer's Market Opens 19
- Country Jubilee Heritage Village 22
- Beach Chamber Golf Tournament 24
- Halloween Carnival Beach Rec Center 27
- Johns Pass Seafood Fest 29-30
- Halloween 31
- Boo Bash Bighthouse Field 31
- Sea Turtle Nesting Season Ends 31

LOCAL WINDSURFING CHAMPION



What does a 17 year old do for the summer? If you are Margot Samson you go to Zadar, Croatia and compete in the ISAF International Youth World Windsurfing Competition. Then, head to San Francisco for the Junior World Competition.

Margot lives in The Town of Belleair with her parents and sister near the Belleview Biltmore Golf Club. Because her parents are from a small town in the south France, Margot, a Palm Harbor High Senior in the International Baccalaureate program, has a slight French accent. Her father used to windsurf in France, and encourage Margot to try it. She began windsurfing at 14 at Sand Key's Clearwater Community Sailing Center. For a time, Margot taught tennis at the Belleair Rec. Center, but now she spends all her time windsurfing and teaching the sport to others at the Sailing Center.

Margot won her first national award in the 2009 Nationals held on the Oregon side of the Columbia River Gorge, a canyon that stretches for over 80 miles. "The water was very cold," she says. She has also won awards in the local Florida Regatta held in Sarasota and Miami. Lately though, she has

been focusing on international events. Last summer she went to Singapore and competed in the Youth Olympics Games, which only allows one entry per country. She also went to France in 2010 for the Techno World competition. Until recently, Margot was competing as a Junior (under 16), but on her last birthday, she moved into the Youth age group (17-18).

Margot has a RS:X Olympic Class Board. "We use a different type of gear here in Florida," she says. "It is lighter in weight." She says the sport is a little pricey, but far less expensive than owning a sail boat.

When not traveling the world, she trains regularly at the CCSC in Sand Key. "The water and wind in this part of the Intracoastal are great. There is always a sea breeze and the people at the Sailing Center are very supportive." Margot's sister, Charlotte (14), a freshman at Palm Harbor, is following in her sister's windsurfing footsteps and has begun competing.

After this interview, Margot was headed to San Francisco to compete and visit Berkeley and Stanford Universities. Another trip is planned to visit Harvard and Yale. Keep an eye on this young girl. You may see her in the Olympics.



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POKER RUN BAR CRAWL ON INDIAN ROCKS BEACH October 1, 12-8pm - Visit any of the 12 participating bars and restaurants, and receive a playing card. At the end of the day, make your best poker hand and turn it in for a chance to win prizes at the Crabby Bill's Loading Dock after party. For information or to register online, visit IRBhome.com. - Cost, \$5 in advance, \$10 day of.

JAZZ AT JANNUS The lineup for the Clearwater Jazz Holiday will be announced at Jannus Landing, August 18th at 7pm. This is special jazz fundraiser features the Jazz Juvenocracy, the Valerie Gillespie Ensemble, the LaRue Nickelson Group, and Grammy Award winner Sammy Figueroa. Tickets are \$10 each and are available at the door. For more information, call 461-5200 or visit www.Clearwaterjazz.com.

NEW CARLOUEL MANAGER

Lee Mackay is the newly hired general manager of Carlouel Yacht Club. Lee spent the last 10 years at three upscale southern resorts. He worked on Hilton Head Island opening The Inn at Harbour Town at the Sea Pines Resort, then was manager of the Atlanta Athletic Club, and came here from Sage Valley Golf Club in Aiken, South Carolina. Lee arrived at the Carlouel Yacht Club in March. Carlouel is the private membership club located at the very north end of Clearwater Beach.



TASTE OF CLEARWATER This popular event, hosted by the Clearwater Chamber of Commerce is Tuesday, August 30th at Ruth Eckerd Hall. Tickets are \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members, with a discount for seniors. For more information, call the Clearwater Chamber of Commerce at 461-0011, or go to ClearwaterFlorida.org.

GOLF TOURNAMENT The annual Clearwater Beach Chamber golf tournament has been moved to Monday October 24th. They are expecting twice as many golfers as last year, so if you think you want to play, you should call now. Hole Sponsorships and gifts for Goody Bags are still needed. Call 447-7600.



100 YEARS OLD Pinellas County separated from Hillsborough on January 1, 1912. The County is also planning many celebration activities.

KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL The annual countywide Coastal Cleanup is scheduled for October 15th. Keep Pinellas Beautiful works with Clearwater High School students and the Clearwater Marine Aquarium to clean both sides of the Memorial Causeway. Call the Aquarium at 441-1790 to get involved.

THE DOLPHIN TALE The Hollywood premier of the movie filmed at the Clearwater Aquarium, "The Dolphin Tale" is September 17th. Look for many of the stars, except for Ashley Judd, who is on location filming, will return to Clearwater Beach the week of September 14 -16th. A special local red carpet Aquarium fundraiser will premier the movie at Ruth Eckerd Hall, Wednesday, September 21st. Tickets are on sale from \$150 to \$300. Warner Brothers expect this film to be their most successful family film ever.

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FREE MUSEUM DAY Various St. Petersburg museums, galleries, and performing arts locations will offer free admission Saturday, September 24th. Times and venues will vary and not all facilities are participating. Known participants include: Florida Holocaust Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, the Dali Museum (Pinellas County residents only) Morean Arts Center, Great Explorations and the Pier Aquarium. See StPete.org/ArtsAlive.

NIGHT AGAINST CRIME Police will host the 28th Annual National Night Out Against Crime on October 2nd at Clearwater Mall (Target parking lot) from 5 to 9pm. Citizens will have the opportunity to "walk in a police officer's shoes" with a special traffic stop interactive demonstration. You will see first-hand some of the challenges and dangers police officers face every day. Displays include the SWAT vehicle and DUI goggles, child safety seats, gun locks and FHP's rollover vehicle demo.

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The people in this photo are prepared to help Clearwater Beach residents during a hurricane. From Left to right: Rick Carnley - Emergency Management, Anthony Holloway - Chief of Police with two of his officers, Fire Chief Weiss (with some of his firefighters on top of the truck) and Gary Johnson - Public Works Director.

LANDSCAPE TRENDS

by Randy Lee

Over the past several years new trends in landscaping have emerged. My top six landscape trends are as follows:



The first trend is eco-friendly landscaping. "Green" principles rule here. Less water, maintenance, and fertilizer are a must. People these days are requesting low maintenance, cold hardy landscapes.

Second, outdoor living rooms are very trendy. The concept revolves around having an outdoor living space that can be used for much of the year. This can be a porch, patio or an extension of the house. Features include fountains, fireplaces and fire pits, outdoor furniture, pavers and even music (via hidden speakers).

Third, designer pools are very much in fashion. The small, inexpensive pool is a thing of the past. The only exception would be the swim spa, which is like a very large hot tub. Today's pools offer many amenities. These include remote control and wireless systems, custom interiors, lighting, decks and tile, swim outs and beaches and waterfalls. These amenities add up fast but they are really great in creating that "wow" factor.

Fourth, "smart" turf is becoming popular. Artificial or synthetic turf is being used in a variety of ways. Small courtyards or pet areas are the most common uses. Several yards around town have gone synthetic, but it is very expensive and must be properly maintained. Drought tolerant varieties of sod such as Zoysia and Bahia are very popular now. These require less water and maintenance.

Fifth, privacy concerns, seem to be on everyone's priority list. They want their homes private and do not necessarily want to see their neighbors. Property dividers have been around forever. Walls, fences and hedges are the most common dividers. Custom concrete or stone walls are popular. Custom walls are the most permanent, however, they are the most expensive. Fences (wood, metal or vinyl) are the most commonly used dividers. They differ in price and appeal. "Natural" walls (trees, hedges and plants) can be more reasonably priced and have a more natural effect. If the look must be "instant" with large trees and shrubs, this can be expensive as well.

The sixth trend I have noticed is low voltage lighting. A system includes a transformer, lights and wire. The system is usually installed after the landscaping is completed, however, they can also be installed with existing landscapes. The price varies with the size of the property and the amount of landscaping. A rule of thumb is to use more lights than you think since they are low voltage. We have used anywhere from fifteen to one hundred lights depending on the desired effect. If you do not light the landscaping it goes to sleep after dark.

These are the top six landscape trends in our neighborhoods - call us and we can help you with them.

August- September Checklist:

- Fertilizer ban in effect
- Watch for lawn pests and treat accordingly
- The rainy season is here
- It is a great time to plant palm trees
- Do your part to help control mosquitoes - empty any container with standing water

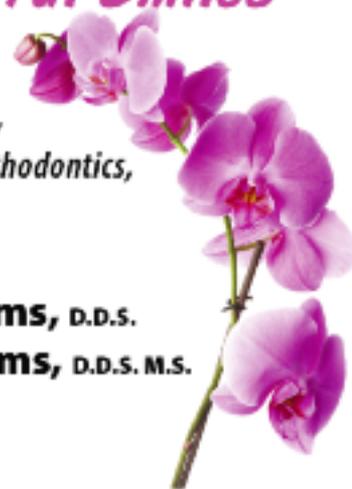
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Runners are his most requested drink and his personal favorite. To vote for Tommy, look for the Ultimate Bartender Contest at www.tampabay.com/ulbartender. Voting ends on August 19. The results will be published in TBT on August 26th.

MORE HOOTERS & STARBUCKS Hooters is coming to Clearwater Beach, along with a new Starbucks. Both are being built on the northeast corner of Mandalay Ave. and Memorial Causeway, overlooking the roundabout. The new Hooters will be on the second floor, while Starbucks will be on the ground level. There will be no on-site parking, but there are over 700 public spaces nearby. Hooter's started their company in Clearwater in 1983. Today there are over 500 locations worldwide. Starbucks has over 15,000 coffee cafes in operation.

BOARWALK FINALLY OPEN This new restaurant is now open in the Publix Shopping Center. Called The Original Boardwalk Grill and Sports Bar, the name is obvious when you walk in the front door. Their address is 126 Island Way, or visit www.OriginalBoardWalk.com.

E&E CLOSED FOR REMODEL On August 1st, they completely gutted the kitchen and began installing new equipment. They also will reupholster the booths. If things go as planned, the remodel should only take 4-6 weeks and they should reopen in mid-September. Guppy's in Indian Rocks Beach will be serving some of their popular menu items, such as Rodeo Steak and prime rib on Sundays so E&E customers can still get their fix.



BRITT'S COMING BACK Britt's Laguna Grill on BeachWalk is under construction and will back in almost the same location as it was, 311 S. Gulfview Blvd. It will be part of the new Surf Style. Britt's closed during the construction of the new parking garage on Corondo Dr. Like Surf Style, Britt's will have a completely new design. It is scheduled to reopen in mid-December.

GREEN APPLES FROZEN YOGURT A new yogurt store opened at 460 Mandalay across from the Beachcomber Restaurant. Did you know you can get yogurt with M&M's on top?

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LA CACHETTE SOLD

After 50 years of marriage and running several restaurants together, Martin and Buehla Jackson have retired. After moving their French style restaurant, La Cachette de la Plage, to 635 Cleveland Street in Clearwater 2 years ago, they have decided it is time to see the world, in their RV. They sold their Clearwater restaurant to another Frenchman, Christopher Poix. The restaurant will close temporarily and reopen as L'Auberge des Artises (Artists Inn) October 1st.



ISLAND WAY CAFE Breakfast, lunch and gelatos - is what a new Island Estates restaurant specializes in. Called Island Way Café, they are open for breakfast and lunch only. They have a nice selection of sandwiches, wraps, salads and fish tacos, plus Italian ice and gelato. Everything is made fresh. They offer dine in, take-out and hope to offer delivery to Island Estates soon. Owner Mark Anthony and Sous Chef Frank Andreasik look forward to seeing you. They are behind the Fifth Third Bank, at 288 Windward Passage.



LOBSTER POT BISTRO MOVING The south beach location closed August 1st and will be reopening on Mandalay Ave in the Shoppes at Sandpearl, across from Pelican Plaza in a few months. They are hoping to be serving again by late October or early November.

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PICKLES MOVING Pickles Plus Too Deli, located in the Clearwater's Harborview Center, has agreed to move by March 1. The city wants to demolish the former Stein Mart department store, turned convention center, but Pickles had 8 1/2 years left on their lease. The city agreed to pay the owners \$668,000 to break their lease. The city spends \$60,000 a year maintaining the almost empty building.



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Business Briefs...

FREE RIDE A new business seen on the streets of Clearwater Beach, called Florida Free Rides, is offering free transportation in Clearwater Beach, Island Estates and Sand Key. They drive gas powered, street legal golf carts from 9am to 3am, 7 days a week. The ride is FREE, all they ask for is a tip. Visit FloridaFreeRides.com or call 424-5458 for your free ad.



WRIGHT DENTAL CHANGE Great Expressions Dental Centers (GEDC) has acquired Wright Dental Care of Belleair Bluffs. Wright Dental was established in 2004. The Great Expressions network has 24 dental centers in the Tampa Bay area and 181 affiliated offices in seven states allowing them to provide patients convenient office choices and comfort options with sedation dentistry. GEDC will offer additional insurance carriers for Wright customers. Dr Scott Wright and Dr Elizabeth Hevia-Wright remain at the Belleair Bluffs office.

SUN TRUST Michael Shallenburg is the new manager at Sun Trust Bank on Mandalay. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Clearwater Beach Chamber of Commerce.

CLOSED FOR REMODELING The Riviera hotel, located at 217 Coronado, across from the new Hyatt Regency, has closed while their rooms are being remodeled. Look for them to reopen soon.

CHAMBER VISITOR CENTER MOVED The Beach Chamber's information booth has been tucked away behind Crabby Bill's BeachWalk for years. Now, with the opening of the new Surf Style on BeachWalk, the Beach Info Center will be in newly designed kiosk in the middle of the store. Not only will they have better visibility, they will be accessible 24 / 7. A large flat screen TV is mounted over the attendant's head. The Chamber will staff the booth from 9am to 9pm, 7 days a week and 9am to 5pm in the off season. Brochures and video will be available all the time. Surf Style donated the space, the booth and the TV. If you are a chamber member, you can display your brochures there, for a fee ranging from \$10 to \$25 per month. This helps cover the cost of staffing the new booth. The Chamber plans to convert the old location into administrative offices. They are looking for volunteers to help with the new Welcome Center, contact 447-7600.



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More Business Briefs...

SURF STYLE A new seven story store has opened on Beach Walk. The new Surf Style super store opened in July with 40,000 square feet and 20 foot high ceilings. The front opens onto BeachWalk and the back onto Coronado. A new restaurant is still under construction on the beach side. The whole thing sits below a new parking garage. They are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and employ about 60 people, 20 of which work during the day. "This is the flagship store for the whole company," says Gili Ovakin, store co-owner. "Surf Style has a 35 stores in Florida, 8 in Pinellas and 4 in Clearwater Beach.



The store has a little of everything: Beachwear, gifts, skate boards, surfboards, a convenience store with beer and wine, and a refreshment counter including soft drinks, coffee, lcees, fudge, candy and various roasted nuts.



An indoor Flow-Rider is on the second floor will offer surfing lessons. The cost is \$20 for half an hour or \$35 per hour. They will offer surfing and skim boarding classes. The Flow-Rider will be available to rent for parties and birthdays.

Surf Style had a Guy Harvey mural painted on a large canvas and hung outside over the center panel facing the beach. It cost \$100,000 and they hope it adds character the beach's skyline. Surf Style BeachWalk is at 309 South Gulfview, just south of the Hyatt Regency.

HAMPTON INN Construction started in April and they are still on schedule for a February opening. The hotel is located just south of the Clearwater Marina on Coronado. It is owned by Jeff Keierleber, the owner of the Holiday Inn on South Gulfview as well as the Holiday Inn Harbourside in Indian Rocks Beach.

NEW PARKING GARAGE OPEN The parking garage above the Surf Style store is open for business all day, every day. The new garage added 300 parking spaces to the beach. Weekday rates are \$1 per hour up to a maximum of \$8. Weekends are \$2 per hour with a \$15 maximum. Parking is for FREE Surf Style for customers and Britts Restaurant customers who spend at least \$50. The privately owned and operated garage is located at 311 South Gulfview. Enter on Coronado.

CLEARWATER AQUARIUM Construction on the parking lot and offices on the south side is to start August 15th. The problem is facility attendance up about 60% and they need more parking, now. They are working with Island Way Grill and St Brendan's Catholic Church to use their parking lots. Calypso Queen owner Phil Henderson may bring his large dinner boat into the lagoon to help feed the day visitors.

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WHAT DOES OUR COAST GUARD DO?

by Bob Griffin, Publisher

August is a big anniversary month for the Coast Guard. It was originally commissioned August 4, 1790 by Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton who served under George Washington. The Clearwater Beach Coast Guard was commissioned was August 1st, 1973. It operated out of a house boat in Island Estates until August of 1986 when they moved into the Sand Key building we see today. Have you ever driven by those big iron gates in the 1300 block of Gulf Blvd. on Sand Key and wondered what they do at that Coast Guard Station? I recently interviewed Commanding Officer Morgan Dudley to find out.

Officer Morgan Dudley is the Commanding Officer in Sand Key. He is from Athens, Georgia and lives in Trinity with his family. He became the commander here in July of 2009. There are approximately 45 people under his command at the Sand Key Coast Guard station. There are people on duty every day, 365 days a year. Staff members normally works a 48 hour shift and then have 48 hours off. This location is budgeted \$250,000 per year, not including salaries, to cover the cost of maintenance and operations.

The purpose of our local Coast Guard station is multi-faceted. They provide search and rescue operations in a 50 mile radius, both in the Gulf and in the Intracoastal Waterway. They provide coastal security and safety inspections for recreational boater. They assist the Clearwater Police and the Pinellas Sheriff's office. The Coast Guard is even involved in fish management and interact with the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

"We have been involved in some high profile media covered events," says Officer Dudley. "but, most of what we are involved in you do not read about." This location responds to 200-300 incidents per year and participates in 600-700 law enforcement boardings annually. You may recall the incident where two NFL players drowned off Clearwater Beach in February of 2009. This station was the leader in that search. Last year, when a young woman died while parasailing on Clearwater Beach, this station responded to that too.

The center is prepared for a possible hurricane. In the case of a Category 1 storm, they might stay on Sand Key. For a larger hurricane, they would relocate to a safer area and return after the storm to help with public safety and participate in cleaning up the area. They would help clear channels and inspect waterways for navigational changes or environmental problems.

Over the years, the boats and buildings have changed a lot, "says Dudley. "But the people here have not. They are all dedicated young men and women who feel a strong sense of responsibility to what we are doing."




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by Captain Gary Burch, All Catch Charters, 458-6335

Inshore flats fishing and extreme Florida sunshine can offer some unforgiving conditions to fisherman. Excessive sun exposure, especially on the water, can cause severe sunburn and damage your skin. Wearing proper clothing is mandatory in these circumstances.

Let's start with the sun's rays. We see the light spectrum ROYGBIV (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet). However, we only see before red is infrared and after violet is ultraviolet. The ultraviolet UV rays are most damaging to skin.

We know that dark colors are hot when worn in the sun. Dark colors absorb the radiant light energy and converts it into heat. White on the other hand, is significantly cooler in the sun. It possesses mostly reflective properties but offers little UV protection.

Remember, if you are fishing in the hot Florida sun, check your shirt labels and make sure they are UPF (ultraviolet protection factor) of 50+. This will block 98% of UVA / UVB wave lengths from reaching your skin. If you are currently planning a fishing trip under the hot sun, consider your apparel from head to toe.

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Thanks to Gabe of www.IHUNTFISH.net for shirt info.

What to expect for late summer fishing and the catching action.

Look for the water temperatures to be near 90 and the weather conditions to be 90+. All of your fishing should be targeted to the mornings and early evenings. Fishing from 12 to 4 is the hottest time of day and the fish are very lethargic.

Fish the incoming tides as the fresh flow of water from the gulf will turn the bite on.

Trout will be active in the grass flats inside the passes. I'll fish patchy grass areas with good moving water, drifting until fish are found. Use artificials if you want to cover lots of ground. Don't be surprised if some small sharks show up and supply lots of drag screaming action.

Keep cool and tight lines.

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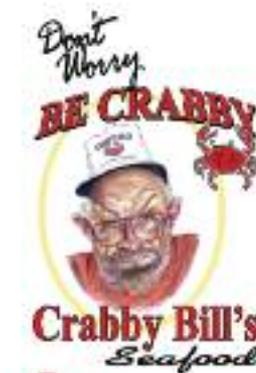
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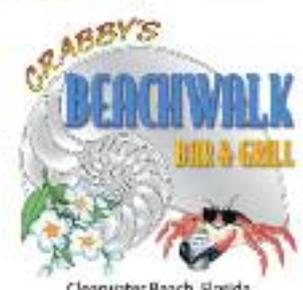
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ALL ABOUT JAZZ

The 32nd Annual Clearwater Jazz Holiday is October 13-16. This popular event was first held in 1980. That year, it was held from October 24 to November 2, lasting for 10 days and nights. The first headliner was Woody Herman. Buddy Rich starred in 1981 and Dizzy Gillespie headlined in 1982.

The event was named "The Jazz Holiday" to help attract tourists from around the country and Europe to the Clearwater / Clearwater Beach area in October, which is traditionally a slow month for visitors. Some of the first concerts were held on the back of flat bed trucks in locations scattered around the city.

For today's event, a large dedicated committee of volunteers called "The Jazz Force," plan all year. They present the best of local and regional jazz artists, and instead of offering one main act a year, now offer one each night over the 4 day event.

In addition to sponsoring the event, they do other things for our community. In a partnership with Ruth Eckerd Hall, they host music education outreach programs in area schools. They host fundraising events, such as "The Flavor of Jazz" to assist their educational programs and to fund their local music scholarships. Plus, they host social events with the members of The High Note Society. Memberships cost between \$100 and \$3,000.

The Clearwater Jazz Holiday continues to be the only free jazz festival in the southeastern United States and features many types of jazz music. It is estimated that over 50,000 people attend the four day event. Get more info on this year's show at ClearwaterJazz.com.

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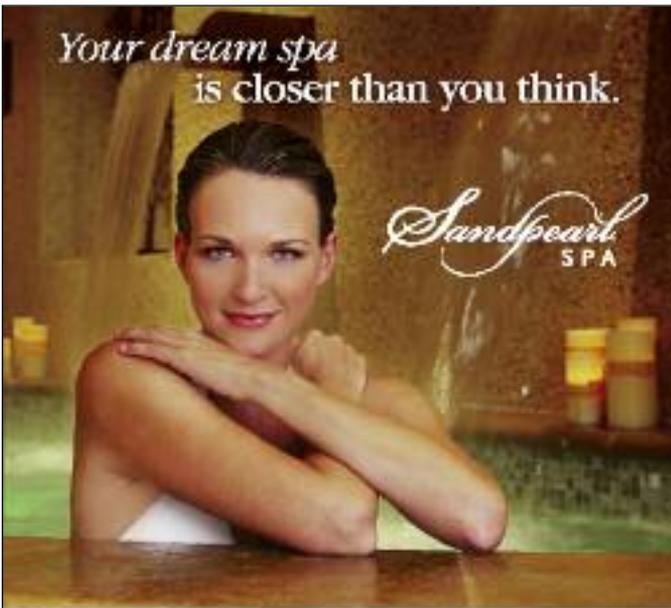
A \$23 million house will soon be built on the Gulf of Mexico at 1700 Gulf Blvd. by Philadelphia Phillies first baseman Ryan Howard. His architect predicts with all the special features, including a Venice-style lazy river



running from a swimming pool underneath a series of bridges and a bowling alley on the ground level, it may take 3 to 4 years to build. A city ordinance requires completion of a home in 24 months, so a variance was needed. Commissioners said the Howard home would be a welcome addition to the town.

FARMER'S MARKET OPENS

Wednesday, October 19th begins the 17th season of the downtown Clearwater Farmer's Market. Open every Wednesday from 9am to 2pm, it is a great place for Farm Fresh Produce, Gourmet Foods, Organic Products, Gourmet Cheeses, Plants & Herbs, Fresh Baked Goods and Jewelry & Gifts. Visit the market in the 500 and 600 blocks of Cleveland St. Enjoy 2 hours FREE Parking at Garden Avenue Garage with validation at Farmers Market. For information, Call 461.7674 or visit ClearwaterFarmersMarket.com



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**AS I REMEMBER IT
DAN'S ISLAND'S
ANDERSON FAMILY**

by Delmar Harris

Our family used to go out to Dan's Island regularly for big family picnics. We would all play on the gulf side and our parents would fix large family style dinners.



I remember the Cabana Club then. There was not much there, but it was made to look very exotic, with Japanese hanging lanterns. There was only one permanent building for changing clothes and using the restroom.

Dan and Anna Belle Anderson had five children. Bert, Albert, May, Lydia and Katherine.

Bert was easy going, but Albert was known to have quite a temper. The boys helped with the fishing and started their own fish markets in the Clearwater area. Albert had a market on North Ft Harrison; Bert opened one on South Ft Harrison, believed to now be Wards Seafood. Albert also operated a tourist boat between the Belleview Biltmore and Sand Key.

Albert was a Captain in the Belleview Fleet and Fisherman. His boat, called "COLA", took tourists to Dan's Island daily. The Belleview Biltmore ran a large boat to their Cabana Club. Many families from the mainland went there for picnics. The harbor where the boat docked was called the "Belleview Cut." Today it is where Belleair Beach operates its City Marina .

May Anderson married Jim Lanier, who operated a tourist boat taking people back and forth to Tate Island (now Clearwater Beach) from the mainland near the Seminole Boat Ramp. Later, Jim became involved in real estate working for Ed Haley, the builder of the Ft Harrison Hotel.

Lydia Anderson married Frank Anderson, the Sheriff of Dixie County.

Katherine Anderson married a man named Webb and moved to Chipley, Florida.

Dan Anderson and his wife Anna Bell died when I was just a boy. They are buried in the City's Municipal cemetery.



The information above is from an interview with Delmar Harris (87), long time local resident, by Publisher Bob Griffin.

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GET READY FOR STORM SEASON

by Pinellas County Commission Chair
Susan Latvala

June 1 marked the start of hurricane season, but August 1 brings us into a period of increased storm frequency. The peak of the season is in early September and it would be prudent for all Pinellas County residents to finalize their hurricane preparedness plans now.

Here are the basic steps in preparing for Mother Nature at her worst.

- 1) Check your evacuation level. Evacuation levels are based on storm surge potential and are designated A through E in Pinellas County (mobile home evacuations are based on wind vulnerability rather than storm surge). Some evacuation levels have changed in recent years. There are several maps and interactive devices at www.pinellascounty.org/emergency that will help you determine your evacuation level quickly and accurately.
- 2) Know your evacuation destination. Know exactly where you'll be going if an evacuation order is issued. Some people may need a dual plan. In a smaller storm, you may be able to stay at home, but a major storm may force you to leave your residence for higher ground. In any event, have your evacuation destination planned well in advance so you won't be fumbling with travel plans at the last minute.
- 3) Assemble your supplies. Put together a week to ten



days worth of nonperishable food, water and necessities for every member of your family, including your pets. Buy supplies in advance and store them in easy-to-tote plastic containers that will fit in your car if you have to leave in a hurry.

4) Protect your shelter. That means reinforcing doors, windows, garage doors and sliding glass doors with adequate protection to keep the wind out of your home. Even if your home is in a storm surge area, you can lessen the damage sustained with strong wind protection.

5.) Listen to the authorities. We may tell you to boil your tap water, stay off the streets or avoid coastal areas. Please listen! And when we issue an evacuation order, please act immediately. Don't be one of those who will wait until the last minute to see if the storm's really coming before heading out in bad weather and even worse traffic.

It's an easy checklist, and this weekend would not be too soon to start getting ready.

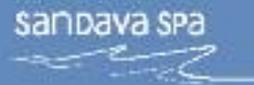
For complete information on how to protect your property and keep your family safe, check the hurricane information on Pinellas County's Web site at www.pinellascounty.org/emergency or call our Emergency Management department at (727) 464-3800.

Weather researchers at Colorado State University predict 16 named storms this season, nine of which are predicted to be hurricanes, with five of those being major storms. We don't know where they'll all go, but it only takes one coming this way to separate the "glad I did's" from the "wish I had's."



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IT'S BEEN LOU'S SPOT FOR 32 YEARS

Linda 'Lou' Jackson has been styling hair in Clearwater Beach longer than almost anyone; August will be her 32nd anniversary in Clearwater Beach.

Lou started working in the Holiday Hair Salon in the Holiday Inn. She had been there six years when the shop closed. Lou's Spot opened in 1986 when client, Dorothy Henriquez, owner of the Pelican Restaurant, believed in her enough to help her get started. Lou opened her first independent salon next to the Pelican Restaurant, across from the Pelican Plaza. She quickly outgrew the tiny shop and moved across the street, where she stayed for three years.

Darrel Saylor, manager of the Holiday Inn on South Beach, asked her to come back to the hotel where her career began. "Moving back to the Holiday Inn was like coming home," she says. There were challenges though. For two years, the hotel was under construction causing many inconveniences. Some days there was no power or water. Her clients though, loved her enough to keep coming back.

Lou's clients are the reason for her continuous success. She has been blessed with clients from all over the world. "Without their loyalty, I would not have this wonderful salon today," Lou says. "For the past 32 years, Lou has single handedly beautified everyone entering her shop," says long time customer Ruth Duran. "She is my lifelong friend and can be depended on for a great haircut."

Since her client base increased, Lou hired a team of stylists to assist her. She has a full service salon offering the latest trends in hair, nail and body treatments, including trendy feathers and hair wraps. Everyone is extremely talented and well educated in up to date styles and techniques. Lou's Spot is located in the new Holiday Inn at 521 South Gulfview. Call her at 447-8802. Walk ins are welcome.

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THE CLEARWATER COMMUNITY SAILING CENTER

by Anne McKay Garriss

The genesis of the Clearwater Community Sailing Center on Sand Key began way back in the 1950s when the Clearwater Optimist Club was given permission to store the fast growing fleet of Optimist Prams in an old fish processing plant on the east end of Bay Esplanade, on Clearwater Beach.

The Pram, a newly created sailboat designed especially for children, was so popular that the Optimist fleet soon numbered over thirty boats with scores of children eagerly joining the Optimist Club's program and learning to sail and race the little craft.

When, a few years later, the old wooden building burned, along with all of the little boats in it, the people of the community rapidly donated sufficient funds to build a new, cement block "Pram Shed" on the site, with adequate space for the boats and additional room for a future recreation center. This building is now the Clearwater Beach Recreation Center and Library.

For years the Optimist Club members conducted pram classes and races in Clearwater Bay, behind the Center. As the area developed, however, more large boats were using the area and high rise buildings were blocking the wind, making sailing more challenging in the area, and less safe for the young skippers.

Meantime, a bridge to Sand Key island had been built and the development of that island begun. The Optimist Pram Fleet, which had flourished under the direction of the Optimist Club was left in the hands of the City of Clearwater and an organization formed by a group of parents of the young skippers when the Clearwater Optimist Club ceased to exist.

Clearwater, the birth place of the now internationally popular Opti Pram, was in danger of not having its own fleet. Fortunately, in 1964, a sailing organization of local sailors, called the Windjammers, was formed. This group sponsored a variety of sailing activities in the area, which included classes for young sailors. In 1986, the Windjammers petitioned the Clearwater City Commission for use of some acreage, immediately south of the bridge, on the east side, as a sailing center. They raised \$3,600 for the Center by holding an auction and the City agreed. Windjammer sailing activities were conducted on the site from then on, providing an impetus for expansion of the organization.

In 1987, fundraising began in earnest for the Clearwater Community Sailing Center. A fundraiser, generously supported by Carlisle Motors in Clearwater and called the Carlisle Classic, was responsible for providing the Windjammers with a beginning sum of \$30,000 to be used as seed money for the building of the Clearwater Community Sailing Center. Future Carlisle Classics and other programs helped the Windjammers to continue to financially support the Center.

With this evidence of real interest on the part of the Clearwater sailing community to urge them on, the Clearwater City Commission, in 1990, voted to spend \$300,000 to build a two-story building on the Center property on Sand Key. The building, designed by Clearwater Architect Steve Fowler, had a top story meeting room with offices and storage space on the ground floor. The Clearwater Optimist Pram Fleet was moved to the Center and three new Prams were added to the fleet, named the Cliff McKay, the Clarkie Mills and the Ernie Green in honor of Major McKay, who created the idea and promoted it; Clarkie Mills, who designed it; and Ernie Green, the Optimist member who managed the original fleet and set the program in motion. Today one of the original, all wood Opti's is displayed at the Sailing Center, along with the history.

With the City of Clearwater in charge of the Center sailing programs began, but things did not go well and sailing enthusiasts were concerned. Among them was a Sand Key resident named Joe Calio, who pulled together a group and negotiated with the City to form a non-profit organization to operate the Center more fully, using a membership program. Under the new leadership, the Center diversified, adding a handicapped sailing program, summer camp programs, boat storage, kayaks, championship youth sailing teams, surfboard teams, regattas that attract sailors from all over and, in the midst of it all, ways for ordinary sailors to gather for simple fun races in the Florida sun. Until his death, in 2010, Mr. Calio was very active at the Center, enjoying the camaraderie of the sailors who frequent it.

Today, the Clearwater Community Sailing Center provides waterborne activities for everyone, from young beginning Pram sailors to senior citizen amputees. The phone number is 727-517-7776.

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CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL RE-DISTRICTING MEETINGS ENCOURAGED

By State Representative Jim Frishe, District 54,

Now is the time for all interested citizens in the Tampa Bay Area to come to the State of Florida re-districting meetings scheduled for our area.

Last issue I wrote about the purpose of holding re-districting meetings throughout the State and how every ten years this occurs.

On August 29, 2011 from 4PM to 8PM a meeting will be held at the Hillsborough County Commission Chambers located at 601 East Kennedy Blvd. #2 in Tampa.

On August 30, 2011 from 8AM to 11AM the Epi-Center at St. Petersburg College, 13805 58th Street North, Largo, FL 33760 will host a re-districting meeting.

New College, 5845 General Dougher P1 in Sarasota, FL 34243 will be the host for the August 30, 2011 meeting from 6PM to 9PM.

This is a unique opportunity for all interested citizens to appear before their local State elected Representatives and Senators and share their thought and view on how they feel re-districting should occur. Come and present your ideas on how to go about implementing the racial and language minority protections in Amendments 5 & 6 to the Florida Constitution yet remaining consistent with the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution.

We need to hear your thoughts on contiguity and the various standards of compactness as well as the use of political or geographic boundaries, where feasible.

Remember, traditional redistricting principles (unless they conflict with standards in Federal and State Law are: Preservation of the core of existing districts to, among other things, minimize voter confusion and preservation of communities of interest that do not conflict with the standards in Federal and State Law.

Everyone has the ability to draw their own district lines by following the website, <http://www.floridaredistricting.org/>. Bring your map and present it at one of the area re-districting meetings.

Remember, democracy is a participatory form of government. If you don't participate, it won't work.

I look forward to seeing many of you at one or more of these meetings.

CLOTHES TO KIDS NEEDS DONATIONS

Clothes To Kids (CTK) has a huge need for boys pants sizes 6 through 12 and young men's jeans sizes 30 - 36. Back-To-School is upon us and CTK is busy providing school wardrobes to nearly 100 children a day. Gently used clothing and sneakers are in great demand. CTK also needs uniform pants and shirts white, blue and light blue to support the 23 schools requiring uniforms. CTK provides free clothing to Pinellas School children grades K - 12 that are on the free or reduced lunch program.

New or gently used school clothes, uniforms and shoes can be dropped off from 9 am to 5 pm Mon-Fri in Clearwater at 1059 N. Hercules Ave., or in St. Pete at 3251 3rd Ave. N., Suite 145. Cash donations are also needed to purchase clothing in short supply and new underwear. Clothes To Kids, a nonprofit organization, provides free clothing to low-income, school-age children in Pinellas County, free of charge. For more information, please call 441-5050 or visit our website at www.ClothesToKids.org



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Clearwater Fire & Rescue will host its 6th Annual Open House in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week 2011: "Protect Your Family from Fire." This year, our campaign focuses on preventing the leading causes of home fires -- cooking, heating and electrical equipment, as well as candles and smoking materials. Additionally, it urges people to protect their homes and families with life-saving technology and planning.

Fire Prevention Week 2011 runs from October 9 – 15. Activities include:

Fire Prevention Expo 2011

October 1, 10am – 2pm
Westfield Countryside
27001 US Hwy 19 N., Clearwater

Clearwater Open House 2011

October 15, 10am – 3pm
1700 N. Belcher Road, Clearwater
Clearwater Fire Training Facility/Fire Station 48 will have demonstrations and activities. All Clearwater Fire Stations will be open for visitors

At the Clearwater Fire Training Facility, citizens can participate in a smoke simulated demonstration that shows the limited visibility in a fire. There will also be activities for children, station tours and free smoke alarms for residents. Clearwater fire stations will be open to the public during the open house. This is an opportunity for citizens to meet the men and women of Clearwater Fire & Rescue and get life-saving fire prevention information.

WHERE THE PARKING MONEY GOES:

Have you wondered how the city spends the money it brings in from parking fees and violations? According to the city's preliminary 2011/2012 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget, the Parking Fund operates a budget of about \$3.76-million that pays for 20.9 full-time positions, including Parking Administration, Operations and Enforcement staff and Police Aides who assist with traffic congestion as it relates to beach parking.

Much of the Parking Fund goes towards Clearwater Beach improvements. Not only is the money used for maintaining and operating beach parking lots, it also goes toward the daily raking of beach sand, year-round lifeguard coverage and lifeguard facilities including look-out towers and the new lifeguard station. Sunsets at Pier 60 is partially funded from the parking fund, too. The city subsidizes the Jolley Trolley at a cost of \$150,000 annually, to provide transportation service for visitors and beachgoers. The entire school crossing guard program is funded by parking violation fees, too.

Parking fine revenue also goes into the General Fund. Per City Council policy, the Parking fund makes a payment in lieu of taxes of more than \$238,000 to support the General Fund. The computation is based on a rate of 5.5% of gross revenues from last year's figures. To learn more about parking revenues, the Parking Fund, or parking questions in general, call (727) 562-4704 or visit myclearwater.com.

RESIDENTS JOIN CHAMBER

Do you want to join the chamber, but you are not a business, just a concerned resident? Now you can. The Clearwater Beach Chamber is offering residential memberships for only \$100 per year. Anyone can receive the Chamber's e-mail announcements FREE. E-mail INFO@BeachChamber.com or call 447-7600.



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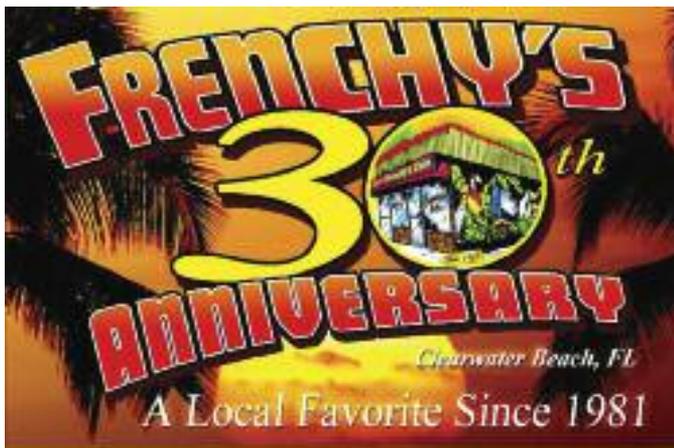
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Organizational News...

ISLAND ESTATES CIVIC ASSOCIATION is looking for a few good residents to serve as new board members for the 2012 year. The election is November 17 during Annual Town Hall Meeting. The board is all voluntary. If you are interested, call President Wally Pope at 461-1818. They meet on the second Monday of the month. Membership dues are \$40 per year. They pay more than \$10,000 per year to maintain the entry way to Island Estates. This includes electrical service, maintaining the shrubbery, fixtures, planting, trimming, spraying, weeding and the American Flag. Next meetings are September 12th and October 10th. December 5 is their Annual Winter Social at Island Way Grill.

ISLAND ESTATES WOMAN'S CLUB will hold its first meeting of 2011-12 at the Beachcomber on Clearwater Beach, on September 20th. The guest speaker is Film Commission Guy Balson of the Pinellas CVB. He will talk about filming in Pinellas County with an emphasis on "The Dolphin Tale" being released that week. October 18th will be the annual breast cancer awareness luncheon and fundraiser at Island Way Grill.

Members enjoy their time together with activities that include monthly luncheons, book group, bowling and bridge. The group encourages a spirit of goodwill and cooperation in all affairs pertaining to the welfare and betterment of the community. Residents of Island Estates are welcome to join and associate membership is also available through sponsorship by a member. Members dues are \$15 (for Island Estates residents) and \$20 for associate members. To RSVP for luncheons, contact Marie Wadsworth at 447-7182. Guests are welcome. To join, call Membership Chairperson Joan Landreth at 812-8078.

CLEARWATER ALL AMERICAN SERTOMA CLUB

Sand Key resident Charles Fazio has been sworn in as the new President. The Club participated in the 18th Annual Health Fair in Clearwater by assisting



two audiologists from Morton Plant process over 200 children's hearing tests. Pictured here are Geri & Charles Fazio, and seated is Debbie Huffer.

SERTOMA is an acronym for SERvice TO MAnkind. They dedicate their efforts to helping the less fortunate among us, specifically those with speech and hearing difficulties. To raise funds, they sponsor Bingo Time twice a week at Alternate 19 at Curlew Road. They have lunch meetings the first and third Thursdays each month. For information, call Sand Key resident Charles Fazio 593-8322.

THE CLEARWATER YACHT CLUB hosted twenty teenagers from the Children's Cancer Center of Tampa for a Day Camp in memory of Olivia Ceralo, a young sailor who lost her battle with cancer at the age of 16. The kids enjoyed a day of boating, fishing, swimming and eating. All the participants have cancer, were in remission, or had chronic blood disorders. The day on the water allowed them to enjoy each other's company. Many people from the Clearwater Yacht Club helped make the day a great one for the kids.

More Organizational News

CLEARWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY November 5th will be their next Fish Fry. Their museum, located on South MLK Jr Blvd. is open every Saturday, November through May, and on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Membership is \$5 students, \$10 individuals, \$20 family, \$150 corporate, \$250 life and \$500 patron. Call Bill Wallace, 446-2676 or Michael Sanders, 434-1684.

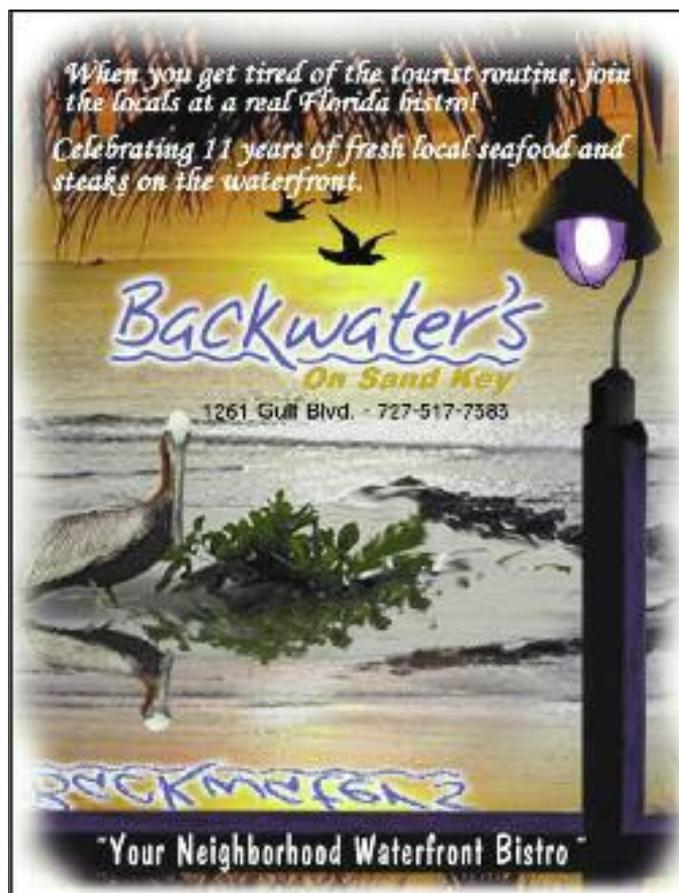
CLEARWATER BEACH ASSOCIATION promotes projects of a civic, recreational and entertainment nature. Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month, at 6pm. Next meetings will be September 6th and October 4th at the Clearwater Beach Recreation Center on Bay Esplanade. Call Patrick Gallagher 447-1033, ClearwaterBeachAssociation.net.

IRB BOAT CLUB September 17th, members will gather to bid farewell to another summer full of fabulous boating for their End of Summer Island Party on the northern most island in Indian Rocks Beach, just south of the Belleair Causeway. In this last hurrah to summer, they will enjoy a potluck dinner, great company and sunset. Everyone is welcome! Other events include August 21: Caladesi Island Party. Their next meetings are Aug 18 and Sept. 15th at 6pm for happy hour, with the meeting starting at 7pm inside Jimmy Guana's (Holiday Inn Harborside). Call 517-1997 or E-mail BoatClub@IRBHome.com to get involved. You do not have to live in Indian Rocks Beach to be a member. See event pictures and get more info at www.IRBhome.com.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY Their second Annual Clearwater Book and Wine Festival, held at Station Square Park on Cleveland Street, is October 22 from 4 to 9pm. Attendance is free. There will be a large selection of quality used books, along with lots of gourmet food, wine and other merchandise. Proceeds benefit the Friend of the Library at the Main Clearwater Library. Book prices vary from 50¢ to \$4. This group meets the second Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Beach Recreation Center. Call Anne Garris at 446-4410 to join.

CLEARWATER COMMUNITY SAILING CENTER They are hardly recognizable from where it was two years ago. With over one hundred new members, 12 new sailboats, standup paddleboards, and even some windsurfing gear it's understandable that returning members don't recognize the center. The facility looks better, the grass is cut, flowers are planted, and the little things are taken care of. The success in the past year and a half is mostly credited to Director Bev Buysse who started in the winter of 2010. She hired experienced sailor and instructor trainer, Rich White and together they have given the center forward momentum. Unfortunately, Bev has to take an indefinite league of absence. It is the goal of the staff to uphold her standards and if she returns, to have an even more improved center to come back to.

ROTARY CLUB OF CLEARWATER BEACH They sponsored Kaine Johnson in Rotary's S4TL-Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders. This is a program for incoming high school seniors to attend a week long program held at a college in Lakeland. Member Hilmer Beckers drove him there in his Rolls Royce. When you go to major Coachman Park events, plan to park in the Rotary's lot at Osceola and Drew, across from the main library. The cost is \$10 for all day. 100% of the money goes to Rotary charities. They meet every Thursday at noon at the Shephard's Beach Resort. Call Skip Katz, President at 581-5600 for info.



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